

EXHIBIT A

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS Coripharm, a German Corporation, (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNOR) is the rightful and sole owner of the United States Patent Application entitled "Blister Pack" filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 19, 2001 and assigned Serial No. 09/980,547 (hereinafter U.S.S.N. "09/980,547"); and

WHEREAS, Smith & Nephew, Inc., a corporation of the State of Delaware, having a principal place of business at 1450 Brooks Road, Memphis, Tennessee 38116 (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in U.S.S.N. 09/980,547 and in and to any letters patent that may be granted therefore in the United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto said ASSIGNEE, the entire right, title and interest in and to U.S.S.N. 09/980,547 and in and to any letters patent that may be granted therefor in the United States and its territorial possessions, and in any and all divisions, reissues, continuations, and continuations-in-part thereof, said application and all letters patent on said application to be held and enjoyed by ASSIGNEE and its successors and assigns as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by ASSIGNORS had this assignment, transfer and sale not been made. ASSIGNORS hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all letters patent on said invention to ASSIGNEE. ASSIGNORS agree to execute all instruments and documents required for the prosecuting of said application or filing of additional applications on said application, for litigation regarding any letters patents issuing from said application, or for the purpose of protecting title to said application or letters patent thereof. ASSIGNOR warrants that it has all the requisite power to enter into this Assignment. ASSIGNOR agrees to assist in obtaining all necessary executions from any and all inventors to the invention embodied in U.S.S.N. 09/980,547 in the prosecution of said application and any divisions, reissues, continuations, and continuations-in-part thereof.

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